

Cal State Launches New Opportunities Program



COLLEGE REPORT

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All members of a free society have a stake in the continuity of the climate of freedom on the campuses of our colleges and universities. They also have a stake in the growth of professors as people and as members of the profession that trains all the other professions.

Professional growth is a kind of personal growth, and they key fact about it is its increasing narrowness as a result of the mighty and unremitting spread of specialization. In short, professional growth has showed all other kinds of personal growth into neglected if not forgotten corners.

This is particularly true of the professional man who, unprotected by unions to limit his working hours and deeply devoted to his specialty, has little time to grow in other than professional directions.

MORE THAN two decades ago, the Spanish philosopher Ortega y Gasset commented on this unhappy and dangerous situation in his "Mission of the University." The "new barbarian," he wrote, "is above all the professional man, more learned than ever before, but at the same time more uncultured — the engineer, the physician, the lawyer, the scientist."

"The blame for this . . . barbarity . . . rests with the . . . university of all countries . . . The guilt of the universities is not compensated for by the prodigious and brilliant service which they have . . . rendered to science."

We could stop to debate the justice of Ortega's accusation, but for the sake of this discussion let us assume it to be just and see where it leads us.

TO BEGIN with, it should be related to the great functions for which universities and professors are responsible: pushing forward the frontiers of knowledge and understanding of the universe and of man, training the world's workers of the higher and highest intellectual levels, and educating these workers as people who have lives to live and responsibilities to assume beyond the boundaries of their specialties.

These three functions — research and scholarship, special education, and general education — compete with one another for the budgets of universities and for the interest of professors. In this competition few disagree that general education has been underprivileged. Research and special education dominate the modern university with the result that the professional man, including the professor, has become the "new barbarian . . . more than before" but dangerously out of touch with "the system of vital ideas" of other specialties and of society at large.

One of the most vital of these, perhaps the most vital, is the idea of freedom.

ORTEGA'S accusation checks with those of many others and leads to the conclusion that at this critical juncture in history when free societies struggle to survive against powerful enemies, professors, the educators of all the other professions, need to discuss their professional growth less in terms of becoming better specialists and more in terms of becoming better educated in "the vital system of ideas" of our age and particularly in the idea of freedom. In sum, education in the idea of freedom should immediately become a central consideration in the professor's efforts toward professional growth.

This is all very well, some might say, but it is quite impractical. Professors cannot be expected to drop their career interests and commitments to become students of and campaigners for freedom. They have their work to do, and it cannot be neglected.

The fact is, however, that in times of crisis professors have no choice in the matter. They are forced to give attention to attacks on freedom because they strike them in the face. To be specific: what attention during recent months have members of the University of California of the San Francisco State College faculty been able to give to research and scholarship? Or the members of Columbia University last year? Or the professors of the scores of other institutions where disruption, confrontation and power politics have disoriented the campus?

WHEN QUESTIONS of freedom take the center of the stage, everything else moves into the background if not into the wings. This is so because freedom of teaching and research can survive only in free colleges and universities and because free colleges and universities can survive only in free societies.

But periods of crisis, it may be suggested, do not last. They break into the professor's working time for a few weeks or months, come to an end, and then everyone returns to his neglected affairs. This seems to be the point of view of most professors; but with all respect, it must be declared a thoroughly uninformed position.

Problems of academic freedom come out into the open only now and then; but like problems of freedom in general, they have been with us always and will remain with us always. The times in which we live are so full of agitations that they will become more and more frequent, more and more insistent, more and more time-consuming.

With the goal of creating a program to help the young people of the community with high abilities who have not had the opportunity to use their abilities, the California State College, Dominguez Hills, has instituted an Educational Opportunities Program.

"We're interested in students as people—important people," said Dr. Milo Milfs, Dean of Students at the college. The program is designed to encourage the socially disadvantaged but

ability-bound student to attend college.

As an experimental program, Educational Opportunities began in the 1968 spring quarter at Cal State, Dominguez Hills, with nine students. The nine were chosen for the initial program because of their high motivation and their indication of ability to benefit from college level work.

THIS FALL, five of the original students continued with 27 new students who

are attending college under the Educational Opportunities Program.

The major motivation behind the program this fall is the new administrator of the program, John Smith. Common as his name may sound, Smith has injected an air of efficient informality into the program.

Under the guidance of Smith, the college has a unique program for educational opportunities. What separates it from the other programs in the state is its concern for the individual student. Its emphasis is on the potential of the student.

ALREADY THE program has been expanded to include a tutoring program. Students as well as faculty members participate in tutoring others. While no special classes are planned for the students which would make them feel alienated from the others on campus, they are offered help in problem areas for as long as needed. According to Smith,

an important objective of the program is to keep it from becoming "overstructured" which tends to scare students away.

"We have to play a lot by ear," Smith explained. An ego strengthening process goes hand in hand with the help in acquiring the important but lacking skills. Environmental pressures often deny the socially disadvantaged student the reassurance he needs to actualize his high potentials, he added.

THE EDUCATIONAL Opportunity Program is an act of "total involvement" at the Dominguez Hills site. Every department of the new college is actively involved in the program.

So far, the program is not a part of the budget of the college. Voluntary time and the feeling of involvement and concern by the different departments of the college have accounted for the present progress of the program.



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